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Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing:

- 1. (Original) A method of identifying a pathogen comprising the steps of:
 - a) isolating mRNA from one or more dendritic cells; and
 - b) determining gene expression of at least one stimulus-specific gene, wherein expression of a stimulus-specific gene is indicative of infection by a pathogen to which the stimulus-specific gene is specific.